

1995 - 1996

FINAL MOUNTAIN LION QUOTAS, LICENSES & GENERAL INFORMATION



*Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks*

LICENSES & GENERAL INFORMATION

- A sportsperson may purchase only one mountain lion license per year.
- Mountain lion licenses are available only at Fish, Wildlife and Parks Headquarters.
- Applications must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than November 15.
- A mountain lion license is required to hunt OR chase mountain lion during the hunting or chase season.
- A sportsperson may legally take one adult mountain lion per season.
- A sportsperson that has purchased a valid mountain lion license may legally chase mountain lion during the hunting season any time after a kill is made or when the quota is reached in a district until February 15, 1996.
- Hound handlers must also possess a free hound handler permit to use dogs for hunting or chasing mountain lions. Hound handler permits must be obtained no later than November 15.
- When the total quota is reached in a hunting district or hunting district group, the mountain lion season for that area will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than February 15.
- When the subquota is reached in a hunting district or hunting district group, the mountain lion subquota for that area will close upon 24 hours notice, but no later than February 15.

HUNTING OR CHASE SEASON

Districts (or groups)	Hunting Season	FINAL Lion Harvest Quotas		
		Total	Female	Male
100 SERIES DISTRICTS				
100	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	14	any	legal lion
101	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	12	any	legal lion
102	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	6	any	legal lion
103	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	10	any	legal lion
104	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	7	any	legal lion
110	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	10	any	legal lion
120	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	5	any	legal lion
121	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	19	any	legal lion
122	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	14	any	legal lion
123	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	5	any	legal lion
124	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	3	any	legal lion
130	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	11	any	legal lion
132, 170	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	12	any	legal lion
140	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	8	any	legal lion
141	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	4	any	legal lion
150, 151	Sept. 15 - Feb. 15, 1996	5	any	legal lion
200 SERIES DISTRICTS				
*Except Missoula Special Management Area.				
200, 201*, 202, & 203*	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	20	10	10
204*, 260 * & 261	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	25	10	15
Missoula Special Management Area				
Portions of 201, 203,				
204, 260, 283 & 292.	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	25	15	10
(Legal description and map of this area available from Missoula FWP Headquarters, 542-5500).				

- Females with kittens may not be taken. If a lactating female is killed, she shall be backtracked and the kittens captured and turned over to Fish, Wildlife and Parks within 24 hours. (Kittens are young of the year). No juveniles (with body spots) shall be killed.
- The mountain lion license and tag must be attached to the animal immediately upon kill.
- Evidence of sex must remain naturally intact on the hide.
- Evidence of sex must be verified by department personnel before a trophy license is issued. It will also be mandatory that skulls be turned in and tagged at the time a trophy license is issued.
- All Wildlife Management Areas and National Wildlife Refuges are closed to lion hunting.
- Current harvest information may be obtained by calling the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Headquarters in the administrative region where the district is located during normal business hours or statewide information at 1-800-385-7826 24 hours every day. The toll free line is updated by 1 PM every day.

Use of dogs:

- Dogs may be used to chase or hunt mountain lions within prescribed seasons. Lion hunting and chase seasons are open for a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for the dates listed by hunting district.

Hunting Districts (or groups)	Hunting Season	FINAL Lion Harvest Quotas		
		Total	Female	Male
210, 211, & 216	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	8	4	4
212 & 215	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	6	3	3
213 & 214	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	4	2	2
240	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	25	10	15
250 & 270	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	20	7	13
280	Sept. 15 - Feb. 15, 1996	25	10	15
281, 284, 285 & 293	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996			
282	CLOSED			
283*, 290, 291 & 292*	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	14	7	7
300 SERIES DISTRICTS				
300, 302, 328, & 329	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	3	2	
301	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	6	2	
310, 311, 360, 361 & 362	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	6	2	
312, 315 & 393	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	7	3	
313 & 316	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	3	1	
Deckard Flats - Eagle Creek portion of hunting district 313 as posted, subject to closure to all hunting on 24 hours notice.				
314	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	6	2	
317	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	6	2	
319, 340 & 341	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	3	2	
320 & 333	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	3	2	
322, 326 & 330	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	3	2	
323, 324, 325 & 327	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	3	2	
321, 331 & 332	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	3	2	
400 SERIES DISTRICTS				
400, 401, 403, 404	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	20	8	12
406, 415, 422, 424, 425, 427, 428, 441, 442, 444, 450.				

- It is prohibited for a dog owner or lion hunter to release dogs on a lion track, or allow dogs to chase a lion, or hold a lion at bay during any period of the day or year when the season is not open to hunting or chasing lions.
- Legitimate attempts to retrieve loose dogs after legal hunting hours does not constitute a violation of this rule.

Mountain Lion - Trophy

- A sportsperson harvesting a mountain lion must:
- Personally report their lion kill within 24 hours to an officer of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in the administrative region (see Regional Headquarters listing, page 5) where the kill was made, and must personally present the hide and skull within 5 days to an officer of the department residing in the administrative region in which the license was filled, for the purpose of inspection, tagging, recording of kill, and issuance of a trophy license.
- The hide tag must thereafter remain attached to the hide until tanned.
- The skull tag must remain attached to the skull for at least one year.
- The lion skull will be retained by Fish, Wildlife and Parks for processing and examination and then returned to the owner.
- It is unlawful for anyone to possess, ship, transport, sell or purchase any mountain lion, or part thereof, unless they have been tagged as prescribed.

Hunting Districts (or groups)	Hunting Season	FINAL Lion Harvest Quotas		
		Total	Female	Male
405, 418, 420, 432, 447, 448, 449, 452, 454 & 471	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	14	7	7
410, 411, 412, 417	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	12	4	8
419 & 426				
413	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	7	3	4
416 & 446	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	18	9	9
421, 423, 445 & 455	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	9	3	6
500 SERIES DISTRICTS				
500, 511, 530 & 590	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	6	3	
502 & 520	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	8	4	
510	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	2	1	
540	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	6	3	
560	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	12	6	
570 & 580	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	6	3	
575	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	4	2	
600 SERIES DISTRICTS				
	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	10	3	
700 SERIES DISTRICTS				
	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	7	any	legal lion
800 SERIES DISTRICTS				
818 & 850	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	6	3	3
835, 839 & 843	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	8	4	4
870 & 880	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	8	4	4
890, 891 & 892	Dec. 2 - Feb. 15, 1996	12	4	8

CHASE ONLY SEASON

- All hunting districts are open for a portion of each day, from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, to the CHASE ONLY season from February 16 - April 30, 1996.
- Hound handlers wishing to participate in the chase only season must:
 - 1) Hold a valid 1995 lion license (or show proof of purchasing a license in the event the license has been filled) and hold a free hound handler permit.
 - 2) Free hound handler permits are available at all Fish, Wildlife and Parks Headquarters and must be obtained no later than November 15, 1995.
- All Wildlife Management Areas, National Wildlife Refuges and Hunting District 282 are closed to the lion chase season.

Export Mountain Lions

- A CITES permit is required in order to export mountain lion hides or parts out of the United States. Information on these permits and how to acquire them may be obtained from: Office of Management Authority, USFWS, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 432, Arlington, VA 22203 (1-800-358-2104) or local USFWS office or agent.

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